

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES  
MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** May 07, 2019  
**TIME:** 10:00 A.M., CDT  
**LOCATION:** Health Related Boards  
Poplar Room  
665 Mainstream Dr  
Nashville, TN 37243

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Velvet Buehler, Chair, Speech Pathologist  
Julie A Davis, Speech Pathologist  
Debby Starr, Au.D, Audiologist  
Carrie Crittendon, Au.D, Audiologist  
Richard Morton, Citizen Member  
Jean Brandon, Speech Pathologist

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kimberly Vinson, MD, Otolaryngologist

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
Michele Tamayo, Board Administrator  
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director  
Christie Taylor, Assistant General Counsel

Ms. Velvet Buehler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Ms. Wilkins introduced John Tidwell, the new Director of Health Related Boards.

**Review/Approve Board Meeting Minutes**

Upon review of the February 5, 2019 minutes, Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

**OGC Report**

Christie Taylor, Assistant General Counsel, presented the following OGC report;

Ms. Taylor read aloud the Conflict of Interest Policy and Open Meeting Act Policy. Ms. Taylor reminded the Board of its purpose which is to protect the public and not necessarily advance the profession.

### **Disciplinary Activity**

At this time the Office of General Counsel has no cases open against CDS licensees.

### **Rules**

The rules for CDS are still in internal review, however there was a statutory change that has already passed the House and Senate; it is now before the Governor. Once the bill is signed based on the language in the bill it will go into effect immediately.

Ms. Taylor invited John Williams to speak on the bill. Mr. Williams handed out copies of the bill, and thanked General Counsel for bringing to his attention that the attorney General had issued an unofficial advisory opinion that a statutory change was needed. Mr. Williams pointed out that although new rules have not been put in place yet the bill will supersede the current rules and all new and current Registered Clinical Fellows will now be provisionally licensed. Ms. Taylor informed the Board that the rules are now being drafted to revert back to the original language with just the provisional license and the new rules should move fairly quickly from here.

Ms. Taylor informed the Board that this will be her last meeting; she has taken a Judgeship position with another department.

### **Financial Report**

Noranda French with the Division of Licensure and Regulation gave the following Mid-year report:

The Mid-Year point is December 31, 2018. For this time frame salaries and wages totaled \$21,346.00, employee benefits totaled \$8,041.00, travel totaled \$4,600.36, and communication had expenditures totaling \$1,492.00, professional services and dues came in at \$2,194.00, and state professional services came in at \$2,243.00. The Board generated revenue in the amount of \$88,660.00.

The comparison takes a snapshot in time of the mid-year point from the previous fiscal year and compares it to the mid-year point of the current fiscal year. There is a slight increase in salaries and wages; we prepare for that because of the performance evaluations given to all state employees which may result in a raise in pay for some. There is also a little higher travel expenditure, but nothing we are concerned about at this time.

Estimated projections for the end of the year could close with salaries and wages just under \$43,000.00, employee benefits could close just over \$16,000.00, travel is estimated to close just under \$7,000.00, communications could close just under \$3,200.00, professional services and dues could close just over \$4,100.00, and state professional services could close just under \$6,000.00. Allocated expenditures are those expenditures that are spread out over all the boards based on the active number of licensees, compared to the hours spent actually servicing the board. Administration is estimated to close at just over \$23,000.00, Investigations has a place marker of around \$3,000.00, Legal is anticipated

to be around \$7,500.00, and the Cash Office is estimated to close at just over \$2,300.00. it is also anticipated that the Board has the ability to generate revenue of about \$177,360.00, which would give the board a net of \$62,870.00.

### **Administrative Report**

Michele Tamayo provided the following administrative report:

As of May 1, 2019, there are a total of 443 licensed Audiologists, 2919 licensed Speech Language Pathologists and 137 registered Speech Language Pathology Assistants.

#### **Between, February 2, 2019 and May 1, 2019**

There are eight (8) new Audiologists, five (5) new audiology Clinical Externs, Five (5) retired, two (2) expired. A total of forty-one (41) Audiologists have renewed, with twenty-seven (27) of those completed online, and one (1) reinstatement.

There are sixty-eight (68) new speech language pathologists, three (3) new Clinical Fellows, twenty (20) retired, thirty-three (33) expired. Two hundred ninety-eight (298) Speech Pathologists have renewed their licenses, with two hundred thirty-one (231) completed online, and five (5) reinstatements.

There are three (3) new Speech Language Pathology Assistants registered, one (1) retired, five (5) expired. A total of eight (8) Speech Language Pathology Assistants renewed their licenses with three (3) completed online, and zero (0) reinstatements.

Ms. Tamayo reviewed the remaining scheduled board meeting dates for 2019

August 06, 2019

November 05, 2019

Ms. Wilkins asked the Board to change the November 5, 2019 meeting to October 29, 2019, due to a conflict in scheduling, the board agreed.

Ms. Wilkins also gave the tentatively scheduled meetings for 2020: February 4, May 5 August 4 and November 10.

Ms. Wilkins thanked the board members for their service and reminded the Board that though several members' terms are coming to an end, until their replacement has been appointed please be prepared to attend the upcoming meetings.

### **Investigative Report**

Ms. Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator for all Non-nursing Boards gave the following report:

There are two (2) currently monitored practitioners; one (1) is a reprimand or Board Order the other is a revocation who is making payments on her fees

**Speech Language Pathologists:** There are two (2) new complaints so far for 2019; One (1) for fraud and false billing and one (1) for a lapsed license. A total of four (4) complaints were closed; one (1) with insufficient evidence, one (1) sent to the Office of General Council for formal discipline, and two (2) with letters of warning. Currently there are two (2) open complaints being investigated.

**Audiologist:** There is one (1) new complaint so far in 2019, the complaint is regarding criminal charges, no closed complaints and seven (7) open complaints being investigated at this time.

**Speech Language Pathologist Assistants:** No new complaints in 2019, none closed and none opened to be investigated.

## Newly Licensed/Registered

### **Newly Licensed Speech Pathologists**

Upon review Mr. Morton made a motion seconded by Ms. Davis, to approve the following newly licensed Speech Language Pathologists. The motion carried.

|                                    |                             |
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| 6374 Abernathy, Lauren             | 6395 Loggins, Rachel        |
| 6702 Azumbrado-SantaMaria, Michele |                             |
| 6722 Baker Madison                 | 6751 Lovelace, Jordan       |
| 6357 Bandy Mary                    | 6723 Magolio, Michelle      |
| 6394 Bowers, Courtney              | 6727 Marshall, Natalie      |
| 6276 Brown, Heather                | 6728 Mathis, Haley          |
| 6729 Carter, Christie              | 6437 Messer, Sarai          |
| 6691 Cline, Lori Ann               | 6743 Miller, Kerry          |
| 6739 Craig, Jessica                | 6685 Moore, Abigail         |
| 6439 Crouch, Kelly                 | 6730 Moore, Jessica         |
| 6719 Danley, Ashley                | 6713 Mulhern, Megan         |
| 6725 Danner, Theresa               | 6736 Pannell, Alexis        |
| 6735 Donnerstag, Jessica           | 6472 Parsons, Elizabeth     |
| 6731 Doody, Shannon                | 6372 Pencarina, Chelsea     |
| 5304 Doran, Shannon                | 6371 Plaisted, Chelynn      |
| 6705 Eldridge, Lindsey             | 6706 Poligone, Sarah        |
| 6707 Ferris, Tiffany               | 6732 Sandkuhl, Kari         |
| 6704 Fletcher, Barbara             | 6334 Sanford, Sophia        |
| 6367 Foster, Kelly                 | 6734 Slotin, Amy            |
| 6717 Gragg, Elizabeth              | 6740 Stidham, Prentiss      |
| 6306 Haggard, Lauren               | 6755 Sullivan, Sarah        |
| 6340 Hanna, Joy                    | 6485 Teague, Brianna        |
| 6386 Harris, Hannah                | 6709 Thornton, Elizabeth    |
| 6712 Havert, Kaitlin               | 6700 Toczylowski, Katherine |
| 6283 Hayes, Courtney               | 6733 Townsend, Haley        |
| 6671 Hoffman, Nealey               | 6724 Uzonyi, Thelma         |
| 6692 Howell, Brittany              | 6737 Walters, Kathryn       |
| 6221 Jackson, Elizabeth            | 6715 Weese, Anissa          |
| 6689 King, Elizabeth               | 6686 Wetherington, Robin    |
| 6720 Lambert, Penelope             | 6708 White, Abbey           |
| 6721 Le, Mercedes                  | 6499 Wilm, Jordan           |

6474 Winberg, Jennifer  
6695 Wolfe, Margaret

### **Newly Licensed Audiologists**

Upon review Mr. Morton made a motion seconded by Ms. Davis, to approve the following newly licensed Audiologists. The motion carried.

1921 Broyles, Ryan  
1922 Coltisor, Allison  
1925 Fowler, Susan  
1933 Jones, Hillary

1923 Kos, Bernadette  
1924 Morusiewicz, Anna  
1935 Myren, Corey

### **Newly Registered Speech Language Pathologist Assistants**

Upon review Mr. Morton made a motion seconded by Ms. Starr, to approve the following newly registered Speech Language Pathology Assistants. The motion carried.

593 James, Jordan  
589 Marsh, Maegan

590 Moore, Alana

### **Reinstatements**

Upon review Mr. Morton made a motion to ratify the reinstatements of the following Speech Pathologists, and Audiologist seconded by Ms. Starr. The motion carried.

### **Speech Pathologist Reinstatements**

5997 Brown, Elena  
2608 Correll, Kristi  
5198 Fahner, Kathy

5800 Ransom, Adrienne  
1862 Russell, Kristin

### **Audiologist Reinstatements**

1771 Mondelli, Stephanie

### **Agreed Citations**

Ms. Stephanie Mondelli AUD #1771 license expired. She continued to practice for two months before reinstating her license. Ms. Mondelli was issued an Agreed Citation with a two hundred dollar fine (\$200) which she has paid.

Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Starr to approve Ms. Mondelli's agreed citation. The motion carried.

## **Correspondence**

No correspondence at this time

## **Discussion**

Ms. Davis asked “Once the Governor signs the bill what will happen next?”

Ms. Taylor stated the bill will go into effect immediately; the administrative office will have to create a process to make sure these individuals receive a provisional license instead of a registration. Ms. Davis asked “The language that is being drafted for the new rules will we meet separately for that or will that be addressed at a future Board meeting?” Ms. Taylor explained that because the board has already approved language for just a provisional license, another vote is not required on the rules.

## **Adjournment**

With no other Board business to conduct, Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

*Ratified by the Board August 6 2019*